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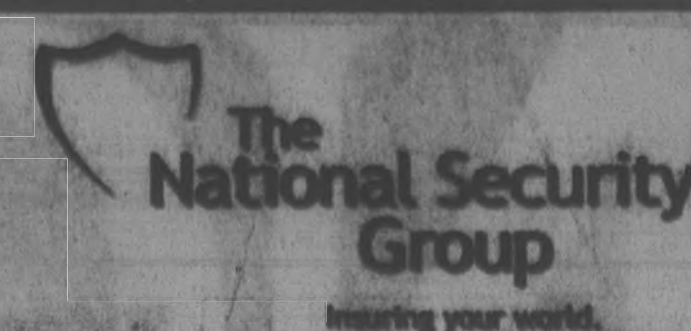
Elba City Schools have benefited tremendously through the years from National Security's generosity in financial contributions and through donations of supplies and printing. This past year The Group partnered with The Peoples Bank to provide the school's DARE officer with a new vehicle.

National Security has sponsored a very successful Relay for Life team since the inception of the Coffee County event. Relay for Life provides an opportunity for the Group's employees to give back to the community in providing funds for cancer research while participating in fun activities along the way. Over \$3,000 was raised by the National Security team this year.

The United Way has also been a longtime beneficiary of the generosity of the Group and its employees. In 2005 employees voluntarily contributed \$8,138 to the United Way campaign.

The Group's subsidiaries operate in 12 states and have assets of over \$120 million. Currently over 2,000 independent agents represent the National Security family of companies in these states.

What began as a small life insurance company providing limited face amounts of insurance has expanded into a multifaceted insurance corporation with a complete line of insurance products tailored to meet any individual or group insurance need. National Security Insurance offers a full comple-



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ment of life and health products while National Security Fire and Casualty and Omega One provide comprehensive property and casualty insurance coverage for homeowners, mobile home owners, renters and even hunting lodges as well as automobile insurance.

Throughout its history National Security has been an innovator in the insurance industry, using the tools of technology to improve service to policyholders and agents. Never has this willingness to be on the cutting edge of technology been more evident than today. Future First, developed in coordination with Computer Services Corporation of Austin, Texas, is a state of the art policy administration system. The benefits of Future First have extended to every facet of National Security's life insurance operations.

National Security Fire and Casualty Company has a technological innovation underway that will completely overhaul the Company's base technology. The new technology will be implemented initially in the state of Tennessee this summer. After full implementation all of National Security's property and casualty agents will be able to submit applications online and have the ability to receive authorization to issue policies immediately provided all underwriting requirements are met.

While National Security takes full advantage of technological advances the Company still offers what larger companies can't and that's personal service. Whatever the future holds in technology, National Security will never lose sight of the fact that it is in the business of serving people. Television statement declares National Security to be

an organization dedicated to helping people in times of need by providing vital, easily understood insurance products and prompt professional service, achieving growth by holding to the values of quality, integrity, and compassion.

The Group has always been a strong supporter of the U.S. military as evidenced by the Vietnam Memorial Park located on the Group's campus. Recent additions to the Park include a Huey helicopter that served in Vietnam and an M101 A2 howitzer. Plans are in progress to secure a tank for display at the Park in the near future. In January of 2005 the first Let's They Be Forgotten memorial dedicated in the United States was dedicated at the Park. The memorial honors the memory of Elba native Sgt. Jason Jordan who was killed in action in Iraq in 2003.

National Security is in the midst of the most exciting period in its history. The work force has grown over 50 percent in the past few years; premium revenues are at record levels; and in 2003 the company posted the largest jump in sales for any publicly traded company in Alabama according to Business Alabama magazine.

National Security has attracted many new agents to market its products and through the expansion of the product line has attracted a broader base of consumers.

However, the company never forgets it all started at a dining room table in Elba in 1947. The National Security Group is poised for a bright future thanks to the dedicated employees and stockholders who are committed to making National Security the premier insurance organization in the United States.



CEREMONIES UNDERWAY attendees stood in the hot sun to take part in the dedication of the J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab last Friday morning.

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Bishop Learning Center as a "Top Notch, Number One Facility".

He explained that the lab was not only a great support facility for South Alabama farmers but the first line of defense in public health.

Senator Jimmy Holley and

Representative Terry Spicer received praise from several speakers for their dedicated efforts in getting the new lab built. Holley was called an "Unflinching leader" by Dr. Frazier. Included in the new lab is a half million dollar state-of-the-art tissue digester. This equipment so completely destroys any germs, etc. and breaks down diseased animal tissue to a point of making it completely safe to discharge into the city's sanitary sewer system.

On hand for the dedication were several members of the family of the late J. B. Taylor family. Max Bozeman, president of the Alabama Cattleman's Association was also in attendance.

The refreshment table was hosted by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



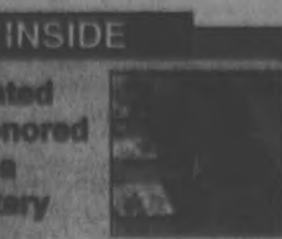
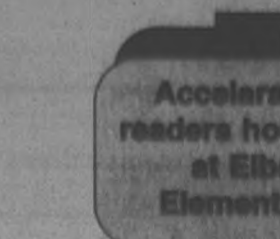
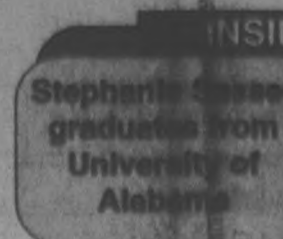
Taylor family members look over old photos and news clippings



PICTURED ARE Representative Spicer, Dr. Billy Powell, Commissioner Sparks, Senator Holley and Alabama Cattleman's President Max Bozeman.

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For Democratic and Republican Primary Elections

Coffee County voters take to the polls

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County voters joined those across the state Tuesday, June 6, in casting their vote in the Democratic and Republican Primary elections.

There were 9,767 ballots cast in the county during the day with 5,202 cast in the Democratic Primary and 4,555 cast in the Republican Primary.

Locally, the sheriff's race was a main attraction in both primaries.

The Democratic Primary found incumbent Ben Moates facing Lance H. Tindol. With the unofficial numbers tallied, voters gave the Democratic nomination for November's general election to Tindol with 52.53 percent of the votes. Only 251 votes separated the two candidates with Tindol receiving 2,609 and Moates receiving 2,358.

The Republican Primary featured three men seeking the party's nomination for November's general election. With the unofficial number calculated, a runoff will be necessary between Dave Sutton and Ricky Barnes. Sutton received 42.20 percent of the votes with 1,721 while Barnes received 38.82 percent of the votes with 1,583. The third contender, M.J. (Jack) Parker took 18.98 percent of the vote with 774.

Another highly contested race on the local level was in the Democratic Primary for State Senator, District No. 31. The incumbent Jimmy W. Holley faced Joe Sawyer.

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New Brockton Town Council votes on council member's status

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, June 5, for the regular monthly meeting and found themselves discussing the status of one councilman.

Mayor Charles Cole said policy states that if a council member misses three consecutive meetings he/she automatically forfeits his/her seat on the council unless there is an acceptable reason for the absence. Council member Johnnie Herron has missed three consecutive meetings.

Cole said Herron has been absent from the meetings because he is in California looking after an ill sibling. He said Herron has been gone much

longer than anticipated because "things are not looking good."

Cole said Herron typically does not miss council meetings; therefore, he recommended the council accept his excuse for missing the three consecutive meetings as an acceptable reason for absence.

Council member Cal Donnia Howard made a motion to accept Herron's excuse for absence. She received a second from council member Vicky Harrison, and all members voted in favor. With the approval of the motion, Herron will not have to forfeit his seat on the council.

Council members discussed the town's travel policy for personnel. Mayor Cole made a recommendation that the town pay

employees 44 cents per mile for travel. Also he recommended a per diem for meals at \$8 for every six hours away from home (\$24 per day) and \$80 for lodging. The mayor's recommendations for meals and lodging equaled \$114 per day, but he asked council members to consider rounding that up to a cap of \$115 per day.

Council member Howard made a motion to accept the mayor's recommendations. She received a second from council member Richard Driskell, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mayor Cole also informed council members during Monday evening's meeting that the town can apply for a Department of Transportation grant in applying, he said the town has several different options, but his recommendation would be to apply for funds to extend the walking trail to the high school. The deadline to apply for the grant is September. Council member Harrison made a motion to table the issue to give council members an opportunity to discuss it more in depth at the next working group meeting. She said she would like to have more time to think about it and consider the options

other than the walking trail.

Council member Driskell supplied a second for the motion, but it failed by a 2-3 vote. Only Harrison and Driskell voted in favor of tabling. Mayor Cole and council members Howard and Jeff White voted against tabling.

White then made a motion to apply for the grant to allow the town to extend the walking trail to the high school. He received a second from Howard, and council members voted in approval.

Herron said she still would like to look at the other things the town could do with the grant money if approved.

"New Brockton has waited too long," White said. "It's time to move on." Before the adjourning, Mayor Cole thanked those responsible for the recent sidewalk improvements in town. He said the sidewalk and beautification speaks for itself, and the work has not gone unnoticed with several positive comments being made. The next regular meeting for the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m. Town offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will meet Monday, June 12, at 9 a.m. for the regular bimonthly meeting at the county complex in New Brockton.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will meet Monday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. for the regular bimonthly meeting at Elba City Hall.

THE ELBA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE will sponsor "Picnic for the Park" Thursday, June 29, at the Elba High School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event will offer an opportunity for all ages an opportunity to learn specific details regarding the project while also helping to raise additional needed funds for the playground and build enthusiasm about the upcoming build week (Sept. 19-23) where many volunteers from the community will be needed to build the playground. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Laurie Chapman at (334) 897-1152 or email: lauriechapman@charter.net.

Coffee County BOE approves additional personnel changes

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Wednesday, May 31, for a short special meeting with the main purpose being to handle additional personnel issues.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presented her recommendations to board members and asked for their approval. The board unanimously approved the recommendations.

The following is a list of personnel actions recommended by Ingram and approved by the board:

- Certificated Personnel
- Probationary personnel approved for non-renewal.
- Dana Padgett - sixth grade/special education teacher at New Brockton High School.
- Employments accepted by the board:

- Lucas Davis - science teacher at Zion Chapel High School.
- Lucas Davis - coach at Zion Chapel High School.
- Diane Calhoun - reading teacher at Zion Chapel High School.

- Morgan Boyd - mathematics teacher at New Brockton High School.

- Morgan Boyd - football/basketball coach at New Brockton High School.

- Ricki Walker - Spanish teacher at New Brockton High School.

- Transfer Bobbie Barnes from her position as Spanish teacher at New Brockton and Kinston Schools to that of full-time teacher/librarian at Kinston School.

- Non-tenured employee approved for involuntary transfer.

- Transfer Hannah Whitt from her position as a social studies teacher/librarian to social studies/reading/basic skills teacher at New Brockton High School.

- Also during the meeting, board members approved a request to allow the members of the New Brockton High School dance line to travel out-of-state to participate in a dance camp. The camp will be held June 28-July 1 in Panama City, Fla.

- The next regular meeting for the board will be Thursday, July 6.

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EDITORIAL

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The prerecorded political phone calls were getting under the skin of Elba folks by the time they finally stopped (or took a break) for the primary election. Several people also reported getting one on Sunday afternoon. It happened at our house also. Politicking on Sunday was once a no-no in Alabama. Sunday was spent meeting with campaign workers and planning the next week. Of course recorded political calls can be hung up on without being rude to a person, because there is no person on the other end of the line. However when there are as many as five in a day, just answering the phone can get awful aggravating. At our house there was even discussion of taking the thing off the hook, but there is always the chance a friend or family member will call.

There are plans already announced for a major Alabama political debate on Monday, Oct. 30. Knowing this will not feed your family, but you can judge for yourself if a politician avoids the debate with an excuse of conflicting schedules. In the recent failed debate plans between Governor Riley and Judge Moore, as regular folks couldn't honestly say either one was correct in blaming the other for killing the debate plans. Now each of us will have more information to use to form an opinion. Of course the best debater is not necessarily the best potential officer holder, but it can be entertaining.

We read a couple of weeks ago of a newly elected councilman in Tequesta, Florida, named Basil Dalack, who was refusing to take the oath of office. Dalack is reportedly suing to have the oath changed because he believes that the words, "I will support, protect and defend the Constitution, and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida against all enemies, domestic or foreign," implies agreement with the federal government, and a violation of his freedom of speech. There is some speculation that this is merely a publicity stunt, and that he is putting important local issues on the backburner while he has his day in the national spotlight. However if he really is against the U.S. (and/or Florida) Constitution . . . there are boats and planes leaving every day.

Our comments on political candidates last week sparked some conversations, both pro and con, but not one person thought to take the paper back in our face or threatened to take us to the woodshed. Either we were close to being right or our opinions hardly ripple the water. This week we did get a note in the mail and a brochure on an alternate candidate one reader thought was better qualified. Frankly this was the very first information we had seen on that candidate - didn't have any idea about his background. Knowing our correspondent, we were probably wrong with our choice, but the new information was a week late in getting into our hands and little old brain.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, May 29, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one damage to property, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, two for burglary, one private property accident, two for theft of property, one domestic violence, one criminal mischief, one theft of services, one incident, one driving under the influence and one gas drive off.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for an expired tag, eleven for not wearing a seat belt, one for no driver's license, one for an expired driver's license, two for no insurance, one for speeding, one for running a stop sign, one for no proof of insurance, three for a suspended driver's license, one for failure to maintain the lane, one in violation of the rear tag requirement and one for allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, MAY 29** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 601 Kendrick St. (6:31 p.m.). **TUESDAY, MAY 30** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 745 Lee St. (6:33 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of the Peoples Bank (10:51 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1227 Farris Ave. (1:46 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 966 Harper (7:17 p.m.). **WEDNESDAY, MAY 31** - Disturbance (noise) reported at

Elba Villas (2:04 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a brush fire on County Rd. 411 (5:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to West St. (5:41 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 82 County Rd. 416 (9:28 a.m.).

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - Minor wreck reported in the parking lot of the hospital's emergency room (10:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam trailer court (3:08 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire one mile from 1200 County Rd. 264 (6:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 321 County Rd. 325 (9:17 p.m.); Disturbance (party) reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (10:45 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Yelverton (1:17 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 3 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at County Rd. 110 and Hwy. 125 (7:36 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at Hwy. 84 and the 203 bypass (8:52 p.m.). **SUNDAY, JUNE 4** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1535 N. Claxton Ave. (8:53 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Claxton Ave. and the 203 bypass (9:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at Claxton Ave. and the 203 bypass (9:51 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 519 Smith Ave. (1:20 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire in the area of 3439 County Rd. 259 (4:41 p.m.);

With hurricane season underway

Alabama Power offers preparedness tips for customers

June 1 marked the beginning of this year's Atlantic hurricane season, which extends through Nov. 30. Summer is also the time for severe thunderstorms.

Alabama Power employees are prepared for this summer's severe weather, and will work as quickly and as safely as possible to restore service after storms strike. During the past two hurricane seasons, Alabama Power suffered historic damage from Ivan and Katrina. And yet, despite numerous challenges, the company restored power to the majority of customers in two to three days and to 99 percent of customers in eight days.

Alabama Power employees take severe weather seriously, and customers should, too. Here are some things that Alabamians can do to be better prepared for the

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He said the town receives calls everyday asking when the road will be reopened, and they check weekly on the progress with Polyengineering and the Department of Transportation. Due to the holdup, council member Vicky Harrison asked if the project is still on line to be finished by July as previously mentioned, and Mayor Cole said he believes the project actually has a completion date of January 2007. He said officials only indicated it might be completed as early as July.

Harrison said the road needs to be fixed before school starts back if any way possible.

Cole said the town is "just waiting on Polyengineering and the Department of Transportation."

summer's storms, and their potential aftermath.

Before the storm

1. Charge cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices. 2. Have several flashlights with extra batteries on hand, as well as a first-aid kit. 3. Keep a three-day minimum supply of water - one gallon per person per day, plus three days' supply of food and drink that does not have to be refrigerated. 4. Use a battery-operated weather radio to stay informed. 5. Turn down the thermostat to cool your house. If you keep doors and windows closed after the storm, you can keep your house relatively cool for about 48 hours. 6. Seek shelter inside a sturdy building. In the event of a tornado, the safest place is on the lowest level. Choose a small room with no windows, such as an interior closet, hallway or bathroom. After the storm

1. If power is out, call Alabama Power's automated reporting system at 1-800-888-APCO (2726). It is the fastest way to report an outage or a hazardous situation, such as a downed power line. 2. Turn off appliances to avoid any potential safety hazards when power is restored. 3. Stay away from downed lines. Do not drive over lines or under

low-hanging lines. Keep children and pets away from downed lines. Do not attempt to remove tree limbs or anything else caught in power lines. Call Alabama Power at 1-800-888-APCO (2726) or contact a local law enforcement agency if downed lines are spotted.

4. Stay clear of areas with fallen trees or debris where downed lines can be hiding. Stay away from areas where repair crews are working.

GENERATOR SAFETY TIPS

More and more people are purchasing portable generators to keep appliances running during outages. While generators can be a convenience, they can also be deadly when used improperly. 1. Read and follow carefully the manufacturer's instructions before using a generator. 2. Do not plug in portable generators to your household wiring. This can cause serious injury to you and to Alabama Power employees working on the lines in your neighborhood. Connect only freestanding appliances - such as freezers and refrigerators - directly to the generator. 3. To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, operate generators outdoors in a well-ventilated, dry area that is away from air intakes to the home, including window

air conditioners. A good location is an open shed. Never use a portable generator indoors or in attached garages.

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• ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry services - Thurs. 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com.

• ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-5017 for more information.

• SOCIAL SECURITY - Tues. 8 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5 p.m. - City Hall.

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall.

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - Supr. Office.

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.

• REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise.

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M. - The FBO office at the Airport.

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room.

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• ELBA KIWANIS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House.

The above information is for informational purposes only. For more information, call the appropriate organization.

Spring cleaning is no bed of roses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

If someone had told me last Friday afternoon I was going to work so hard over the weekend that I would welcome Monday morning's return to the office, I most likely would have laughed.

I don't know where the surge of energy and motivation came from, but my sister and I decided to do some good 'ole Spring cleaning at the house last weekend. At first, I thought we simply would take a little extra time cleaning to make sure every thing looked in tip-top shape.

Well, it turned into one of those big-time projects where you go through everything you own trying to get rid of all that stuff you've been keeping for who knows what reason.

Several hours and some aching muscles later, I was longing for rest and relaxation. Man, that was hard work! By Monday morning, I was ready to come back to work just so I could rest a little bit.

I did learn one lesson, though. I'll think twice the next time I decide to store an item just because, "I might need it for something one day."

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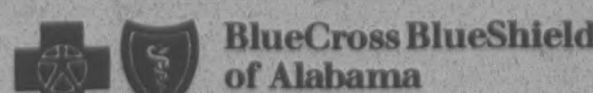


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VOTE

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For Coffee County Sheriff:

Ben Moates...2,358

Lance H. Tindol...2,609

For State Democratic Executive Committee, District No. 91 (female):

Beatrice A. Brooks...1,715

Janet McAllister...2,504

For State Democratic Executive Committee, District No. 91 (male):

Bernest Brooks...1,801

Mack Westbrook...2,584

In the Republican Primary, Coffee County voters cast their selections in the following manner:

For Governor:

Roy Moore...1,572

Bob Riley...2,931

For Lieutenant Governor:

(HA) Hilborn Adams...207

Mo Brooks...477

Luther Strange...1,832

George C. Wallace Jr...1,624

For Attorney General:

Troy King...3,356

Mark Montiel...626

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court:

Drayton Nabers Jr...2,094

Tom Parker...1,875

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 1:

Ben C. Hand...1,931

Champ Lyons Jr...1,355

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 2:

Hank Fowler...1,117

Tom Woodall...2,158

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 3:

Lyn Stuart...2,469

Alan Zeigler...1,144

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 4:

Tracy Gwyn Birdsong...355

Glenn Murdoch...2,809

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 1:

Mark Anderson...1,398

Terry Moore...1,892

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 3:

Bill Shashy...796

Terri

Thomas...1,042

Phillip Wood...1,237

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3:

Clay Crenshaw...1,050

Beth Kellum...874

Alva Lambert...386

Sam Welch...725

For State Auditor:

Wes Allen...1,492

Ches Bedsole...370

S. Samantha 'Sam' Shaw...926

Tripp Skipper...469

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 2:

John Amari...757

Perry O. Hooper Jr...1,730

Jack Hornady...869

For Member, State Board of Education, District No. 2:

Frank Moore...1,678

Betty Peters...1,799

For Coffee County Sheriff:

Ricky Barnes...1,583

M.J. (Jack) Parker...774

Dave Sutton...1,721

For Member, Coffee County Board of Education, District 3:

Galen L. McWaters...298

Thomas Moore...237

For State Republican Executive Committee, Coffee County, Place No. 2:

Dwight Adams...3,031

Eddie Foy...791

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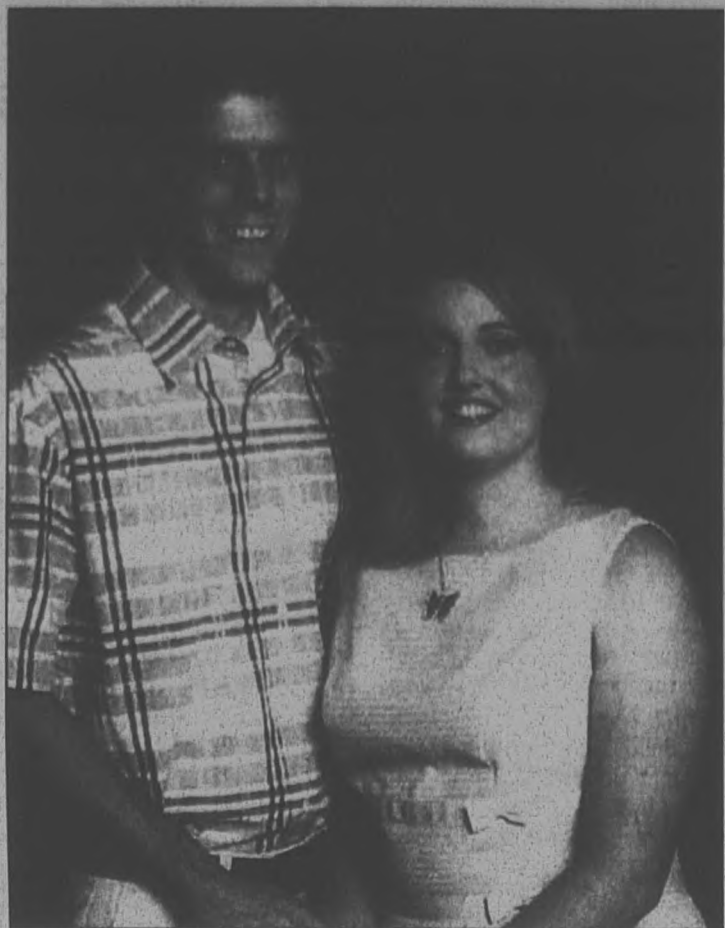
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LIFESTYLES

Jordan - Giles to wed on Saturday, September 2



Mr. Warren Barry Giles & Miss Kimberly Denise Jordan

Jeremy Ryan Durga celebrates sixth birthday with friends and family



Republish Women to meet

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting on June 21st at Po-Folks in Enterprise. Social starts at 11:00 AM, buffet lunch is at 11:30, and the meeting starts at noon. This month's speakers are Judge Craig Pittman, candidate for Court of Civil Appeals Place 2, Judge Kelly Wise running for Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2, Local Candidates are Dwight Adams, State Senate District 31 and Ricky Shelgrove State House of Representative District 91. Everyone is welcome. Call Sue Newien 347-0511

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan of Elba, Alabama are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Denise Jordan, to Warren Barry Giles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry M. Giles of Elba, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Onzie Davis and the late Ernest Davis of Paxton, Alabama and Beatrice Fleming and the late Leroy (Dick) Fleming of Florida, Alabama. She is a 2001 graduate of Zion Chapel High School in Jack, Alabama and a 2005 graduate of Troy University in Troy, Alabama. There she received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Community Counseling at Troy University.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late James and Edna Watford of Rome, Georgia and the late Hobart and Renee Giles of Huntsville, Alabama. He is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School and a 2006 graduate of Troy University. There he received his Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Graphic Design and Spanish.

The couple will exchange vows September 2, 2006 at 3:00 PM at the Elba United Methodist Church in Elba, Alabama. There will be a reception immediately following the wedding at Moseley's Studio in Elba.



Valarie Hope Sanders

Valarie Hope Sanders turned three May 2nd

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No PASSES - No Web Discount
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M-F 7:15 & 9 - S&S 2:15 & 7:15 & 9
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THE ELBA CLIPPER

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

897-2823



Miss Elena McCormick honored with an evening of dining and dancing

Graduating senior Elena McCormick was honored with an evening of dining and dancing when Betsy and Doug Martin, Jr. entertained at their home on Woodland Drive.

An enormous white tent strung with hundreds of twinkling white lights filled the side yard and provided a setting for the party. Dining tables were covered with lime green cloths and wrapped in wide blue and green striped ribbons. Candles flickering in tall blue and green stained glass hurricane shades created an intimate setting.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Imogene and James Glisson of Samson and Mary and the late Floyd Smith of Ladson, South Carolina.

Angela is a 1989 graduate of Geneva High School. She is employed at Greenwood Place Assisted Living Facility as Assistant Manager in Geneva.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of James and Lilly Mae Miller of Fairview, Ala. and Grady and Wila Bean Scott of Thorsby, Alabama.

Roland is a 1994 graduate of Kinston High School and is employed at Utility Trailers of Enterprise.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, July 8th, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Pentecostal in Geneva.

All family and friends are cordially invited. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

NEW ARRIVAL
REBEKAH GRACYN MCCONNELL

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Tristan Huggins is one year old
Tristan Huggins turned 1 year old on May 5, 2006. He celebrated at home with friends and family with a party that had the theme "Blues Clues". Tristan has one brother, Hayden, and one sister, Paige. His grandparents are Chris and Claudette (Reaves) Whinnore and Jerry and Debbie Huggins, all of Elba, Ala. Tristan is the son of Shawn and Vanessa Huggins.

Got something to sell? Try an Elba Clipper Classified. You'll be glad you did!

YOU ARE INVITED TO WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
MONDAY NIGHTS IN JUNE
7:00 p.m.
June 12, 2006
Speaker Faron Golden Beulah Baptist, Wetumpka
Music Tim Willis Ridgecrest, Dothan

June 19, 2006
Speaker Billy Joy Hillcrest, Enterprise
Music Danny Williams Mt. Glead, Dothan

June 26, 2006
Speaker Mike Jackson Evangelism Dept. Mont.
Music James Nance First Baptist, Enterprise

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 26-30, 2006
9:00 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 years old - 6th grade

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Stanley Carter

Elba United Methodist Church

I found something good at Church

Summer is here and the children are out of school. Summer means a lot of churches will be having Vacation Bible School. A lot of children will be making crafts, learning Bible stories, and singing songs about Jesus.

I heard a cute story about a little boy who had been to VBS. The little fellow ran home to his parents clutching in his tiny hands a small package. He shouted, "I found something good at church!" He unwrapped a napkin in his hand and showed his parents several cookies he received at refreshment time.

The little boy was on the right track. We can find something good at church. We can find the warm fellowship of other Christians. We can find the solace and peace of God's presence in His sanctuary as we worship. Most important of all, we can experience God's love and grace through His Son, Jesus Christ.

There are a lot of good things in Elba. Why not attend one? I'm sure you will find something good.

Wesley Chapel Community Church to have Vacation Bible School June 11-14

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AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS LISTED

Beginning June 11 Vacation Bible School at:

Ino Baptist
Ino Baptist located on Hwy. 134, Kinston
Mon.-Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Bethany Baptist
Bethany Baptist located on Co. Rd. 533, New Brockton
Time: 6 p.m.

Victoria Baptist
Beginning June 12 Vacation Bible School at:
Victoria Baptist located on Highway 125, Elba
Time: 6 p.m.

Bluff Springs Baptist
Beginning June 12 Vacation Bible School at:
Bluff Springs Baptist located on Co. Rd. 305, Glenwood
Time 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Herbert McWaters
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ashley Pank-Pastor
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Service: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

PATRIOT CHURCH COMMUNITY
Harold Bannix, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tim Gannels, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stallard, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
Rev. David Tadlock
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Pastor Rev. Billy Redd
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lorell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH
Dwayne Nicholson, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ark, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Handley, Minister
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays: 7:00 p.m.

Round & About

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Message to Philadelphia
SCRIPTURE: Revelations 7:13
***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Ross family, Eva Daniels, Rosie Daniels, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. Willis Bruton, Annie M. Bruton, Mamie Belcher, Mary A. Hooks

***JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Reggie Horstead - June 2, Mamie Belcher - June 3, Shelly and Ocie Phillips - June 3 (Wedding Anniversary), Shelly O. Phillips - June 6, Burdette Jones - June 6, A. Rashad Bilal - June 7, Rev. W.L. and Ollie Peterson - June 8 (Wedding Anniversary), Ben and Rebecca Daniels - June 8 (Wedding Anniversary), John E. "Jack" Daniels - June 9, Kenderlynn Belcher - June 11, Emma Smith - June 11, Odessa Robinson - June 12, Johnie McBride - June 12

***THE MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT Ministers' Wives Program will be held at the Mulberry MB District Educational Building on Hwy. 84 in Elba, Ala., on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM. Rev. Nathaniel Fleming, pastor of Oak Grove MB Church in Elba, will be speaking. The theme is "A Good Woman", and Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the moderator.

***THE GATHERING OF Eagles Convocation: Apostolic Prophets will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

Revival services set for June 13-15 at Zion Baptist Church
A Revival will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on June 13-15, 2006 at 7:00 PM nightly. The speaker will be Brother Samuel Baker from Clilo, Ala. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is welcome.

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Vacation Bible School planned for June 12-16 at Newbia Baptist Church

Newbia Baptist Church, located on County Road 330, invites all to attend the "Arctic Adventure" Vacation Bible School during the week of Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16. Classes will be available for all ages beginning at 6 p.m. each night.

Calvary Baptist Church to host gospel singing Saturday night, June 10th

A gospel singing will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, located on Hwy. 189 North, Saturday night, June 10, 2006, at 7:00 PM. The Wilkerson's family will be featured. Everyone is invited to attend.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church schedules gospel singings

A gospel singing will be held at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church, located on Hwy. 110 between Hwy. 125 and Hwy. 126, with each event starting at 7:00 PM. Dates and groups to sing are:

June 17 - The Ole Southern Gospel Group and The Gospel Messengers
July 15 - The Ole Southern Gospel Group and The Wilkerson Family

For more information contact Bill Daughtry at 735-2010 or Gus Grant at 897-6793.

WMS & YPD retreat to be held Friday & Saturday, June 9 & 10

South Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society (WMS) President Carolyn Cummings has announced the Annual WMS & Young People's Division (YPD) Institute and Retreat to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, 1000 South Dothan, Alabama. The theme for this year's session is "Living Well: Strengthening Bonds Within Biological and Church Families—Love, Peace, Joy, Commitment." Members of the 50+ churches in the South Alabama Conference, will gather for this annual time of worship, fellowship and renewal. The retreat will open with a worship service on Friday at 7:00 p.m., with Circuit Judge Anita L. Kelly of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for the State of Alabama as keynote speaker. Music will be provided by the South Conference YPD Choir and the South Conference WMS Ensemble. Special recognitions will be made by President Cummings during the services.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sasser graduates Summa Cum Laude from University of Alabama

Stephanie Sasser graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama with the honor of Summa Cum Laude on May 13.

Sasser graduated with a double major in Secondary Education Language Arts and English. She achieved the honor of President's List for seven consecutive semesters through her 4.0 GPA. She also received the honor of being named to the National Dean's List.

Sasser is active in Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Society, Golden Key International Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honor Society. Professional organizations of which Sasser is an active member are National Council of Teachers of English, National Education Association, and Student Alabama Education Association.



Stephanie Sasser

While at the University of Alabama, Sasser marched one year with the Million Dollar Band. She served as a Resident Assistant for UA Residential Life and the Capstone Living

and Learning Communities for two years. She also worked for the National Alumni Association's Crimson Calling Center.

After graduation, Sasser will teach summer school for the Tuscaloosa County School System. She has recently accepted a full-time teaching position at Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa where she will be teaching ninth and eleventh grade English and sponsoring the colorguard of the Hillcrest High School Marching Band. She also plans to begin graduate school at the University of Alabama in the spring of 2007 in order to pursue her Master's degree.

Sasser is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. She is the daughter of David and Phyllis Sasser and the granddaughter of Charles and Sue Sasser and Drexel Kelley and the late Annette Hutchison Kelley of Elba, Ala.



NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL 2005/06 EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS receive their career interest assessment results in a career presentation sponsored by the Tech Prep Program of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. Janice Strickland, New Brockton High School guidance counselor, and David Speigner, New Brockton High School business education teacher, supervised the online administration of the career interest assessment from the Kuder Career Planning System. The online product is part of a two-year pilot program sponsored by the National Science Foundation through Alabama Colleges for Electronic Technology Education Advancement (ACETEA) (Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - fiscal agent, Dr. John Reuter, ACETEA Principal Investigator/Project Director). Pictured (left to right) are New Brockton High School students Sarah and Ebonee with Speigner.

Scholarships received by Kinston High School students:

SENIORS

James Carlton Berry: Career Technology and Leadership Scholarship to EOCC
Ashley Nicole Carter: Academic Scholarship to the University of South Alabama
A.J. Davis: Millennium Scholarship to Troy University
Joshua Adam Driver: Academic Scholarship to Sanford University, Presidential & Engineering Scholarship to

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JUNIORS

Joshua L. Keen has arrived for duty at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb. Keen, a regional band-instrument apprentice, is assigned to the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band. He has served in the military for more than two years.

He is the son of Donald J. and Shirley A. Keen of Kinston, Ala. The airman is a 1993 graduate of Kinston High School.

Financial aid tips for parents

Parents of college-bound students are probably hearing lots of sales pitches from companies that promise to help them find financial aid to pay for college.

There is no need to pay for this kind of information, which can be obtained free by working with a guidance counselor, checking out sources in the library, doing free online scholarship searches or contacting the financial aid office of the college the student plans to attend.

Those who decide to use a company to help find financial aid need to make sure they are dealing with a reputable one. The Federal Trade Commission cautions students to be especially skeptical about scholarship search companies and websites that make these claims:

• "You've been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship." Check with a guidance counselor, or The Foundation Center at www.foundationcenter.org to find out if the foundation is legitimate. Be especially wary of receiving notification of being a finalist in a scholarship contest not entered.

• "We'll do all the work." It's highly unlikely the company will fill out all the applications for all the financial aid sources it sends.

• "I just need a credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship." If unsure of the source, never give account numbers to a person or company.

• "This scholarship will cost some money." Some legitimate scholarships do have up-front fees, but they should not be more than \$5 or \$10. Many scams will charge a fee and use some of those fees to award token scholarships, so they appear legitimate. The operators, however, pocket the vast majority of the money.

• "You're guaranteed to get money for college or your money back." Read the fine print. To get a refund, the student may have to receive a rejection letter from every source on the list. Unscrupulous companies have been known to give students sources that do not exist, so they can't get a rejection letter. The fine print may also state that all types of student aid are included. So, if the student does not get a scholarship but does get a student loan, he/she will not get the money back.

For more information about college financial aid, visit www.alstudentaid.com; write the Alabama Student Loan Program, 100 North Union Street, Suite 308, Montgomery, AL 36104-3762, or call 334-265-9720, toll free (800) 721-9720.

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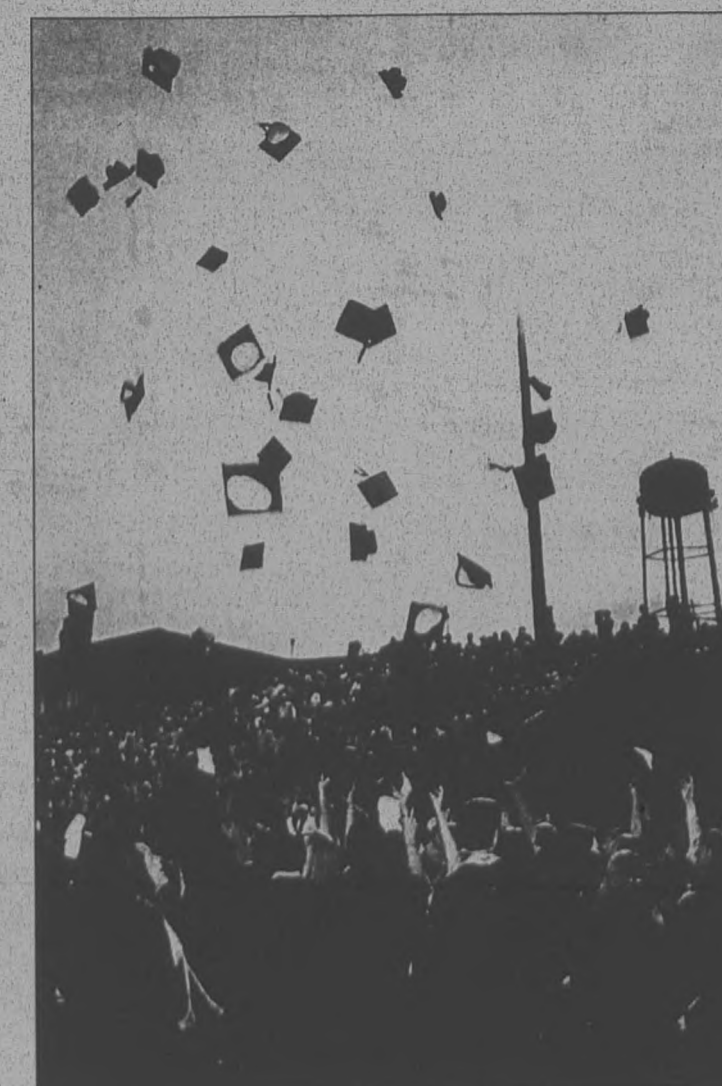
Scenes from graduation for the Elba High School Class of 2006



Reil Kelley begins his walk across the stage to receive his high school diploma from Principal Johnny Dunn.



Kendall Stinson exits the stage after receiving her diploma from Principal Johnny Dunn.



Hats went flying at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony Tuesday evening, May 23, as members of the Elba High School Class of 2006 officially celebrated the end of their high school career.

ELBA COMMUNITY "Picnic for the Park" Thursday, June 29th 6:30 p.m. • EHS cafeteria Tickets on Sale Now! Contact Laurie Chapman @ (334) 897-1152 or email: lauriechapman@charter.net

Several elementary students rewarded for accelerated reading

by Christina Bryant

Several Elba Elementary School students were rewarded Thursday, May 11, for meeting individual grade level Accelerated Reading goals. Students in first through sixth grade gathered in the library for an assembly provided by Louise Grider from the Sweetgum

Hollow Wildlife Center that provides rehabilitation for protected wild birds. Mrs. Grider shared information about many different types of owls that are found in the state of Alabama. Students had the opportunity to pet and interact with the owls during the presentation. Students enjoyed a hamburger lunch following the assembly.



Accelerated readers at Elba Elementary School enjoy a hamburger lunch.



Elba Elementary School principal LaKesha Brackins hands out certificates to graduates during the recent Kindergarten graduation ceremony held at the school.



Accelerated readers at Elba Elementary School got an up close look at an owl during an assembly presentation by Louise Grider from the Sweetgum Hollow Wildlife Center.



ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLDS HONORS DAY PROGRAM...Talon Flowers (left) and Landon Carnley (right) show off their Honor Student certificates following the honors day program held recently at the elementary school. The program was held to recognize various accomplishments of students during the school year, as well as, reward the students for their hard work.

University to grant scholarships to Girl State delegates

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. announced that a \$1,000 scholarship will be granted to each Girls State graduate who attends Troy University.

The announcement came during the opening session of the Girls State, a mission of the American Legion Auxiliary that provides opportunities for Alabama's students to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program that spans more than 50 years in the state, and 60 years nationally.

"The mission of Girls State and the American Legion Auxiliary is to ensure that America remains a 'good nation' as well as a 'great nation,'" Hawkins said, referring to Alexis d'Touqueville's identification of the secret to America's greatness. "Troy University is proud to support the Auxiliary in this mission."

Hawkins called the scholarship a demonstration of the University's commitment to the ideals of Girl State.

Some 350 girls, all high school juniors, will be in assembly at the University through Friday, June 9.

"It's appropriate that this great adventure called Girls State begins on June 4, for it was on this date in 1919 that the U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, and sent the Amendment to the states for ratification," Hawkins said. "Today, women are an integral part of the American political process and Girls State gives you the opportunity to continue that legacy of public service that began 87 years ago."

Also addressing delegates on Sunday was State Treasurer Kay Ivey.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both of the girls have full-time summer jobs and are making good money, but apparently they are saving their money since they still ask Dad for gas or food money almost every time they leave the house. Maybe I should talk to their employer and get them to add a payroll deduction listed as "family bills."

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The youth baseball and softball regular seasons are now over and it was a good season for all the youngsters as they got the chance to travel and play a lot of games at various places. Teams from Elba, New Brockton, Kinston, Zion Chapel, Samson and Brantley all competed against each other in baseball, while over in softball teams on the schedule were from Elba, New Brockton, Kinston, Zion Chapel, Samson, Brantley, Enterprise and Andalusia. None of the teams played each other more than three times the entire season, and that made it even more fun. I know the parents and fans burned a little gas and had some extra expenses. However, it is for the youngsters and they all had a blast.

*** The various All-Star teams will be named this week in both baseball and softball, and with just two teams in most of the leagues it means the selection process shouldn't be all that difficult. The coaches from the teams will sit down, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of their players, and then come up with the number of players allowed on the All-Star teams. Hopefully they will pick the best players and make some noise once the tournaments begin.

*** I don't watch much college baseball or softball during the regular season, but have watched quite a bit post-season action and have enjoyed it very much. The girls really play hard and play with lots of emotion on the softball field, while in baseball it is a whole different world when it gets to the elimination rounds. Maybe next season I will watch a few more games during the regular season and actually keep up with the conference races.

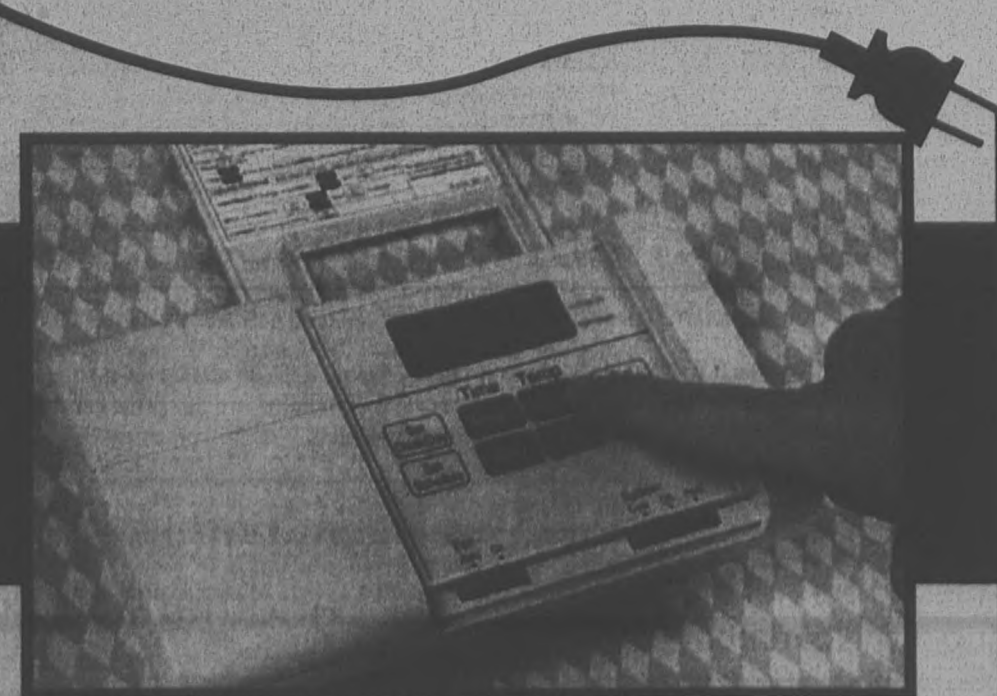
*** The coaching carousel stopped last week over at New Brockton when Robby Kinsaul was named the new head basketball coach for the Gamecocks. Kinsaul played for the Gamecocks while in high school, played junior college ball at ESJC and then worked as a manager at Troy University. As a New Brockton graduate he understands school pride and the rivalries involved in the schedule, and should bring some fresh air and a new sense of importance to the team. Kinsaul's father Bobby is a former coach at New Brockton, while his grandfather Doyle was a coaching legend over in Covington County, and his uncles Scott and Benji have also been successful as coaches at the high school level. The new Gamecock coach has the pedigree, school pride and youthfulness to hit the job running, and the guess here is New Brockton is headed for an exciting season.

*** In closing... rumor has it Elba High will name a couple of new assistant coaches in the coming weeks for football, softball and baseball, and as those rumors become reality I will pass it along. You just thought summer was an off-season in high school sports!

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In youth baseball and softball

Regular seasons are winding down fast

Dixie Belles Softball

Andalusia Blue Bells 14 Zion Chapel Spirit 5 - The Andalusia Blue Bells used a 9-run fourth inning to take command and rolled to a 14-5 win over the Zion Chapel Spirit. Kayla Teel had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Blue Bells, while Erin Byrd added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Kelly Wilcox added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Kim Teel, Gina Davis and Kayla Hendricks all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sydney Williamson and Nicole Holloway both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Spirit, while Hillary Davis and Hayden Goodson both added 1 hit.

Andalusia Silver Bells 10 New Brockton 2 - The Andalusia Silver Bells pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat New Brockton 10-2. K. Beck, K. Wiggins and S. Brancewell all had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Silver Bells, while King added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Cotton added 1 hit. S. White had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton and V. Stuckey added 1 hit.

Coach-Pitch Baseball

Red Sox 15 Indians 13 - The Red Sox pulled away late to outscore the Indians 15-13. Nicholas Johnson scored 3 runs to lead the Red Sox, while Chase Moseley, Tyler Dawson, Shawn Carter, Blake Dawson and Zack Odum all scored 2 runs and Jeremiah Jordan and B.J. Free scored 1 run, each. Also batting for the Sox were Tanner Harrington and Tripp Hudson. Levi Morgan, Tanner Hudson, Jamal Smith and Tydree Sistrunk all scored 2 runs to lead the Indians, while Trinton Smith, Talon Flowers, Korius Foster, Landon Carney and Ashton Hurt all scored 1 run.

Orioles 17 Cubs 7 - The Orioles pulled ahead early and rolled to a 17-7 win over the Cubs. Dalton Sewell scored 5 runs to lead the Orioles, while J. Cole Spicer, Kenneth Neil Amison, Dalton Sewell and Tripp Hudson all scored 2 runs and Tanner Skinner, Romello Jones, Quan Jordan and Gavin Caldwell all scored 1 run. Grant Akridge, Isaiah Kyles, Mason Davis, Jordan Kidd, Logan Davis, Troy Funk and Chase Nelson all scored 1 run for the Cubs, while also batting were Braxton Robinson and Keshon Reese.

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Jordan, Zack Odum and B.J. Free all scored 2 runs. Harley Sanders scored 4 runs to lead the Cubs, while Mason Davis and Braxton Robinson both scored 2 runs; Isaiah Kyles, Logan Davis, Keshon Reese and Troy Funk all scored 2 runs; and Grant Akridge, Jordan Kidd and Chase Nelson all scored 1 run.

Indians 11 Orioles 11 - The Indians and Orioles battled to an 11-11 tie. Talon Flowers, Korius Foster, Trinton Smith and Tydree Sistrunk all scored 2 runs for the Indians, while Levi Morgan, Jamal Smith and Tanner Hudson all scored 1 run. Also batting for the Indians were Landon Carney and Ashton Hurt. Kenneth Neil Amison, Dalton Sewell and Quan Jordan all scored 2 runs to lead the Orioles, while J. Cole Spicer, Cavosea Stinson, Romello Jones, Dalton Sewell and Keshon Jordan all scored 1 run. Also batting for the Orioles were Tanner Skinner, Gavin Caldwell and Michael Jones.

Dixie Minor Baseball

Elba Cardinals 8 Elba Braves 5 - The Elba Cardinals scored 3 runs in the fifth inning to pull ahead and held on to edge the Elba Braves 8-5. Hayden Disotell had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinals, while Avery Hanchey and Garrett Smith both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Cobe Goosby had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Chance Johnson added 1 hit. Jon Ashley Amison had 2 hits to lead the Braves at the plate, while Logan Bailey had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Stone Collins, Justin Pope and Denzell Thomas all had 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kyson Edwards added 1 hit.

Dixie Youth Baseball

Elba A's 10 Elba Yankees 7 - The Elba A's pushed across 3 runs in the fourth inning to grab the lead and held on to defeat the Elba Yankees 10-7. Jake Garney and Jeremy Duncan both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the A's, while Tyler Pope and Craighead added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Chase Sauls added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Hayes Spicer scored 2 runs. Seth Hanchey and Austin Money both had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Yankees, while Austin Johnson added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Ashton Senn added 1 hit.

Dixie Boys Baseball

Zion Chapel 9 Elba 8 - Zion Chapel held off a late Elba rally to escape with a 9-8 win. Corey Snellgrove and Taylor Stevens both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Nathan Bagwell added 1 hit and Lance Walden and Garrett Stinson both scored 2 runs. Kevin Allen had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Elba, while Kyle Pope and Justin Mallory both had 1 hit and scored 1 run. Colton Vaughan added 1 hit and D.J. McKee scored 2 runs.

EOCC Boll Weevil Golf Tourney set for June 15

Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Seventh Annual Boll Weevil Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 15, at Tartan Pines Golf Club. Proceeds from the four-person scramble will benefit college students.

Business and organizational sponsorships are still available. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1,000 and include up to eight complimentary players for the largest sponsorship. Entry fees include free range balls, green and cart fees, door prizes, and dinner. Mulligans (a maximum of two per player) will be available at \$5.00 each.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three gross and net teams. Prizes will also be awarded for "closest to the pin" and "longest drive" winners.

Sponsorship deadline for entries is Friday, June 9, and deadline for individual entries (\$75.00 each) is June 13. For more information contact Dr. David Chalker at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2235 or dchalker@eoec.edu.



HERE IT COMES... A catcher for the Red Sox prepares to throw a ball back to the pitcher in recent action in the Coach-Pitch Baseball League, at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

EOCC to host summer basketball camps for both boys and girls

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will be hosting several basketball camps this summer. The first camp will take place June 26-29 for boys and girls k through 3rd grade. The camp will be held at the E.O.C.C. gym from 9 A.M. until noon each day. The cost of this camp is \$50.

The second camp will be held for boys entering 4th grade through rising seniors in high school. The camp will be July 17-20, from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. The cost of this camp is \$65. E.O.C.C. will be holding a Perimeter Players Camp July 24-26. The camp is for boys and girls grades 6 and up. This camp is designed for players who want to improve their skills as guards or wings. This camp will run from 1:30 PM until 6 P.M. and costs \$65. This camp is very intense and designed to get the players to the "Next Level".

The Post Player Camp will be held July 27-July 29. The camp is for boys and girls grades 6 and up. The camp will be from 1:30 until 6 P.M. Thursday and Friday, and 9 A.M. until noon Saturday. This camp is for players who would like to learn how to play inside. The cost is \$65. This camp is very intense and designed to get the players to the "Next Level".

If you have questions about these camps, please call John Ayers at 347-2623 ext 2303 or 806-5928 for more details.

Summer baseball camp set for June 12-15 at Wallace College

Wallace Community College will host a Summer Baseball Camp for kids ages 6-14 at the Wallace Campus in Dothan June 12-15, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The WCC Governors, along with Coaches Mackey Sasser and Pete Coachman, will assist participants in fielding, throwing and batting exercises. Sasser, head baseball coach, is a former catcher with the New York Mets. Coachman is a former second-baseman with the California Angels. The two will be available for autographs after each session.

Registration for the camp is \$80. Campers should wear shorts and tennis shoes and may bring their own gloves and bats. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and \$2 for snacks each day.

For more information, call Mackey Sasser at 334-556-2416.

Baseball and softball camps set at Troy during month of June

Troy Baseball as announced that registration is still on-going for four (4) different camps this summer. Camp Butter & Egg will be held June 19-23. The first week for each particular sport will be filled first and then registration will be opened for the second week.

For more detailed information, or to register, please go to www.troybaseball.com <<http://www.troybaseball.com>> or call Ron Pierce at 334.670.9953.

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Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Catching Midday Bass

Most of us had rather do our fishing at dawn or late afternoon, especially in the scorching weather we have had lately. But sometimes schedules and arrival time at a lake may put us there in the middle of the day. This certainly isn't our favorite time to fish, but sometimes we can find bass in a feeding frenzy when the sun is straight up.

I can remember one particular time on Eufula when a friend and I had fished all morning with little to show for it. We were headed for the dock when we decided to give the bass one last try. We pulled up into a tributary creek that had a tree canopy that almost spanned the little creek. The bass were smart enough to move into this shaded area with cooler water. We couldn't believe how fast they were biting.

Fishing tributary creeks is certainly nothing new to seasoned fisherman, but many never think about fishing them during midday. Any creek is worth a try, but creeks with the most cover available are usually the most productive. Fallen trees, stumps and bushes are like a magnet to bass, especially if they are in at least partial shade. During the fall and winter, migrating baitfish are an added attractant.

In creeks with a strong current or where water is being released through a dam to create current, the mouth of a creek is often the hottest place to fish. Bass tend to concentrate on the downstream points to take advantage of food coming downstream.

Small spinnerbaits and buzzbaits often work well in creek mouths when bass are

chasing shad. Dirty or stained water conditions may call for pitching or flipping jigs or plastic worms. A good way to fish a creek mouth is by anchoring or holding the boat in deeper water away from a point and cast crankbaits back toward the point.

Creeks are a time-tested place for midday bass, but there are other places that can be productive. Another ideal spot to try during midday is along the edges of thick vegetation such as milfoil, hydrilla or other aquatic vegetation. Fish will congregate in the vegetation just as we seek out a shade tree during a mid day break in the outdoors.

I like the 3 or 4-inch plastic grubs on 1/8 or 1/16 ounce jig-heads. Small weedless spoons and spinner baits also work well in vegetation. If you can find an area where the vegetation meets open water, this is usually a hot spot. A stop and go retrieve, fished slowly, will often entice a strike. The bass will hide right at the edge of a wall of vegetation waiting to dart out and grab an unsuspecting baitfish.

If you can't fish during dawn and dusk hours, don't hesitate to try midday, weather permitting. One thing for sure, the lake won't be nearly as crowded this time of year at midday.

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

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Free fishing day set for Saturday, June 10, in Alabama lakes

Each calendar year, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources designates a "Free Fishing Day" for the public to fish recreationally in public waters without a fishing license. Saturday, June 10, 2006, had been designated as this year's Free Fishing Day. Approved by the Alabama Legislature, the law allows an annual free day of fishing when residents and non-residents may fish without a fishing license.

"Free Fishing Day is offered to introduce non-anglers to the sport of fishing and to remind former anglers of the fun they've been missing," said Stan Cook, Chief of Fisheries with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. "It's a good time to pass on the tradition of a family fun day of fishing to Alabama's youth."

There is an exemption of the usual fishing license requirement on that day. Some lakes

may still require fees and permits, and owner's permission is required to fish private ponds. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural

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"Animal Adventures", a series of educational programs on animal-related topics, will begin with "Great Gators" and feature a new topic each Friday until July 22nd. Each hour-long event will take place in the Interpretive Center Auditorium at 10am. Limited Space is available for these programs and reservations are required.

To make advanced reservations for "Great Gators" or to learn more about this or other events call the park office, 334-794-3452 or visit the park's web site at www.landmark.com.

Animal Adventures is made possible by a grant from the Wachovia Foundation.

Admission to Landmark Park is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, with kids age 3 and under admitted free. Landmark Park, home of the Alabama Agricultural Museum, is a 100-acre historical and natural sci-

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Harper Blount receives ballet performance award

Harper Blount received a Ballet Performance Award when Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., presented their American Academy of Ballet Performance Awards on April 29, 2006.

Harper is shown with her medal and certificate that she

received for an outstanding ballet performance in Level 2. Mignon Purman, a renowned American Academy Ballet Judge, made the awards presentation. Also, Harper was presented with a dozen pink and red roses and a spring floral arrangement with primary purple flowers. Harper has been a ballet student at Shelton State College for three years.

Harper is the daughter of Stephen and Tiffany Harper Blount of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the granddaughter of Gloria and John Harper, Elba, Ala.

Singing set for June 11 at Elba Church of God

The Elba Church of God is having a singing Sunday night, June 11, at 6 p.m. The Stinson Family will be in concert.

Food and fellowship will follow the singing. Everyone is invited.



Harper Blount accepts her medal and certificate after being named the recipient of a Ballet Performance Award.

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DONATED FOOD STAYS IN COMMUNITY. The letter carriers in Elba joined other members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) on Saturday, May 13, to Stamp Out Hunger! across America. Once again, the annual food drive proved very successful as local residents answered the call for help and placed non-perishable foods by their mailboxes for the carriers to pick up. The food gathered by the Elba letter carriers was donated to the local HRDC (Human Resource Development Corporation) office in Elba. HRDC officials were very excited to receive the large food donation and said the items will certainly help HRDC continue to assist those in need. All the bags and boxes of food shown above on the floor were the items donated by local residents and gathered by the Elba letter carriers.

HRDC taking applications for cooling assistance

Human Resources Development Corporation will be taking applications Thursday, June 29, for cooling assistance through the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Coffee County at the New Brockton Farm Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the head of household. If an applicant is 60 years or older or disabled, he/she can authorize, in writing, an individual to apply

for him/her.

The applicant must provide proof of the total household (gross) income for the month of May, 2006, a copy of a recent cooling bill and a social security number of the applicant and all household members. If the

Scholarships ready for Spanish speaking students

Seventy-five \$2,000 scholarships are available for Spanish-speaking, bicultural high-school students who want to pursue careers in the health care industry.

The scholarships are funded by the PacificCare Foundation Latino Health Scholars program, which helps educate and encourage Hispanic and Latino students to pursue career opportunities in health care.

High-school seniors with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and who are fluent in Spanish and English are eligible. Applicants must show proof of acceptance into a university,

applicant did not have any income for the month of May, 2006, he/she must provide written verification from a reliable source.

For more information, contact Dottie Stricklin at 897-2667 or Latofia Jones at 347-0881.

Building one for the Shoppes has been in operation for several years now and currently houses five businesses with a restaurant set to open in the near future. The shopping complex is located along Alabama Hwy. 203 (Bypass) between Alabama

community college or accredited technical college and must be enrolled in an approved health care program at the time they receive the scholarship.

Applications are due May 29, 2006, and are available online at www.pacificarelatino.com. Since it was introduced in 2003, the Latino Health Scholars program has awarded \$356,000 to 155 students across the country who are pursuing diverse health care careers such as Nursing, Pre-Med, Biology, Psychology, Biomedical Engineering and other allied health professions.

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Building with Elba's future in mind

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Looking ahead to the future and preparing for growth took the forefront last Thursday morning, June 8, when the Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a groundbreaking ceremony for the second phase of Shoppes at Taylor Crossing.

This construction process for the shopping complex in the brainchild of landowners Wayne Lawford and Mitch Purvis. They are hoping to create a nice, attractive shopping center that will benefit their fellow Elba residents.

Building one for the Shoppes has been in operation for several years now and currently houses five businesses with a restaurant set to open in the near future. The shopping complex is located along Alabama Hwy. 203 (Bypass) between Alabama

Hwy. 189 N. and U.S. Hwy. 84. Future plans for the four-lane of U.S. Hwy. 84 will bring the road through this path; therefore, Lawford and Purvis view it as a great opportunity now to expand the shopping center.

Lawford said construction is set to begin on a new 17,500 sq. ft. building. He said the appearance of the building will be the same as the one already in place in the shopping area, but the new building will be larger as it will be a deeper built structure.

Lawford said he and Purvis will be looking to fill this building with retail stores.

"I believe this will be something Elba will be really proud of," Lawford said. "We're trying to get things that Elba needs."

Lawford said there has been lots of interest in regards to the expansion, and he believes it is a

good investment. He said he will be working diligently with possible tenants to lease the building spaces.

The new building is slated to be ready by the first of the year or very early Spring, and Lawford said he and Purvis will be glad to speak with anyone interested in leasing space. Lawford can be reached at (334) 897-2300 and Purvis can be reached at (334) 897-5952.

Cosmetic additions to Shoppes at Taylor Crossing will include a larger parking lot to accommodate the new building, a large shopping center sign and landscaping. Lawford said he hopes the future also will bring the addition of a third (center) building.

"Elba needs this," Lawford said. "Dr. Purvis and I want to contribute to Elba and help Elba grow."



THE GOLD-PLATED SCOOPS WERE USED last Thursday morning, June 8, when an official groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing. Currently, one building is in use at the shopping center, and last week's groundbreaking was held to commemorate the beginning of construction for building two. Those present for the groundbreaking included (from left to right): Junior Miss Elba Megan Anderson, Eva Medlock, Tonya Jones, Wayne Lawford (owner), Rene Lambert, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Barry Giles, Senator Jimmy Holley, Mitch Purvis (owner), Wayne Grantham, Kenneth Calhoun, Kelly Smith, Herby McCall and Kaye Whitworth.

Training exercise helps emergency personnel prepare for "what if"

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Emergency vehicles and personnel filled the parking area Tuesday morning, June 13, of the National Guard Armory in New Brockton for several hours. It appeared a huge medical emergency was at hand; however, in reality, it was a training exercise for local emergency responders.

An Infectious Disease Control Exercise more commonly referred to as "The Bus Exercise" was conducted by personnel from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health. The exercise was conducted in Coffee County in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee's yearly activities.

According to Larry Walker, assistant director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, the exercise portrayal began when 30 students from UAB have a bus accident on their way home the day after going to the Peanut Festival. Shortly after the "accident" he said some of the students began exhibiting respiratory problems.

Walker said the exercise included personnel from Enterprise Rescue, Enterprise Fire Dept., Elba Police Dept., Elba Fire Dept., Coffee County EMS, and other county agencies. He also said personnel from the state police responded along with Emergency Management Agency personnel and Public Health officials.

Walker said the idea behind the exercise was to treat it as a

real event so local emergency personnel would get a good idea of how to handle an infectious disease incident if one were to actually occur in Coffee County.

In the mock exercise, Walker said emergency personnel dealt with 22 victims total with three deaths (one due to trauma from the accident and the other two from the respiratory illness). The exercise also involved the transportation of victims to the area hospitals. Walker said the training exercise continued at the Elba and Enterprise hospitals after victims were transported from the scene of the incident.

At the conclusion of the mock incident, Walker said the UAB exercise team was set to meet with the local emergency agencies for a debriefing. He said this would be a good opportunity for everyone to discuss things they learned or need to work on in case of an actual event in the future.

"Everything went very well from my viewpoint," Walker said.

The training exercise at the Armory involved approximately 40 people from UAB and 30-50



PLAYING THE PART. In keeping to the script, local emergency officials gathered around a public health official as test results are released regarding the respiratory disease "discovered" in the mock training exercise held Tuesday morning in New Brockton. While many aspects of the exercise may have seemed real to those passing by, the entire exercise was fictional and only meant to better prepare local emergency personnel for the "what if's" in case of an actual incident in the future.

local emergency responders, numerous staff members at the local hospitals.

Volunteer fire departments in Coffee County receive grant checks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Volunteer fire departments in Coffee County received grant checks Thursday evening, June 8, from the state's forestry commission.

The grant checks, presented to the fire departments by Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer, equaled \$1,904.52 each. Prior to the presentation, Bobby Light, acting county manager for the forestry commission, read a let-

ter from Governor Bob Riley thanking the men and women of the departments for volunteering their time.

Coffee County currently has nine certified volunteer fire departments including: Battens VFD, Elba VFD, Five Star VFD, Goodman VFD, Ino VFD, Kinston VFD, New Brockton VFD, Tri-Community VFD and Zion Chapel VFD. Most of these departments average 15-20 volunteers per department with some have a few more.

"We're proud to be here with these volunteer fire departments," Spicer said. "They do a fine job for us."

He stressed the importance of volunteer fire departments and said Coffee County is a good example of how volunteerism should be across the state.

"We're blessed in this county to have several volunteer fire departments," Holley said. "They provide fire protection for homes, families, businesses and the forestry."



Grant checks from the forestry commission were presented Thursday, June 8, to volunteer fire departments of the Coffee County Firefighter Association. Presenting the checks were Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer. Those present included (from left): Dewayne Wood, Battens VFD; Gibby McCormick, New Brockton VFD; Justin Donaldson, Tri-Community VFD; Senator Holley; Joseph McCollough, Five Star VFD; Glen Gatlin, Zion Chapel VFD; Tim DeLoach, Goodman VFD; Representative Spicer; Gary Coleman, representative of the Alabama Forestry Commission; and David Evans, Kinston VFD. The Elba VFD and Ino VFD each also received a grant check but did not have a representative able to attend the presentation ceremony last Thursday.

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Commission appropriates funds for Elba Adult Daycare Center

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, June 12, to appropriate funds to help the Elba Adult Daycare facility remain open and operating at least through Oct. 1st of this year.

Three citizens addressed commissioners separately regarding a concern the facility would be closed.

Warren Hataway was the first to address commissioners, and he said the impression in the community was that the facility was slated to be closed. Hataway said the facility is in need of funding to remain open, therefore, he attended Monday's commission meeting to ask commissioners to help keep it open through at least Oct 1st.

Hataway said he also had spoken with local legislators asking them for help. He said they indicated the governor is searching for funding to keep the daycare facility operating.

Monday morning, Hataway told Coffee County Commissioners it will take roughly \$7,000 to keep the Elba Adult Daycare facility open through Oct. 1.

"I'm asking you, as commissioners, if you can see fit to help us find funding," he said.

Carolyn Dyess addressed commissioners from the view of a citizen who's family has benefited greatly because of the

facility. Due to the extent of her husband's illness, she said being able to use the daycare facility has been a blessing to her and her family.

Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, was the final person to address commissioners regarding the daycare facility.

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE will sponsor "Picnic by the Park" Thursday, June 29, at the Elba High School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event will offer interested citizens of all ages an opportunity to learn specific details regarding the project while also helping to raise additional needed funds for the playground and built underneath about the upcoming build work (Sept. 20-24) where many volunteers from the community will be needed to build the playground. For more info, contact or to purchase tickets, contact Linda Chapman at (334) 897-1152 or email linda@elbaclipper.com. The deadline to purchase tickets to the "Picnic by the Park" is Friday, June 23.